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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Charles Dutton, work on highways,	\$1 08
John G. Reed, " " "	5 50
Frank P. Cheever, " " "	2 50
Geo. C. Ingalls, breaking roads,	5 00
Reuben Barnes, work on highways,	19 25
John McGilvery, breaking roads,	4 25
Edward N. Brown, " "	12 60
George A. Merrill, work on highways,	22 30
L. T. Eustis, " " "	13 25
J. W. Crooker, " " "	2 50
John L. Reed, " " "	24 85
John McGilvery, " " "	10 00
Richard Fretts, " " "	16 45
James W. Louga, " " "	15 90
Reuben Barnes, " " "	47 45
T. J. Foster, " " "	3 00
C. M. Parker, " " "	85 85
Rufus Blood, " " "	38 06
B. H. Center, " " "	20 29
T. F. Palmer, " " "	30 00
A. A. Woodard, " " "	1 17
G. A. Merrill, " " "	13 60
Josiah Scavans, " " "	7 45
George F. Hill, " " "	28 00
William P. Melvin, " " "	55 27

W. H. Patterson, work on highways,	\$35 00
T. F. Palmer, " " "	33 33
A. C. Darrah, " " "	3 78
E. P. Parkhurst, " " "	11 17
S. W. Wright, labor on Hood bridge,	6 98
H. A. Lawrence, work on highways,	18 40
Anson F. Longa, cutting brush on highway,	13 50
F. A. Chamberlin, plank and labor on Souhegan bridge,	67 40
Geo. F. Spalding, work on highways,	32 00
T. J. Foster, " " "	4 05
Fessenden & Lowell " " "	1 45
Z. G. Perry, " " "	12 75
Wm. H. Patterson, breaking roads,	2 00
Calvin Clement, snowing Turkey hill bridge,	2 00
Wm. E. Brown, snowing Turkey hill bridge in 1876,	5 00
David T. Jones, work on highways,	33 00
Chas. O. Wilkinson, " "	4 00
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	\$771 30

FOR THE COUNTY POOR.

Geo. B. Griffin, goods for J. B. Fields,	\$15 00
N. Y. Oliver, goods for Jas. B. Frieze,	17 74
H. W. Wilson, aid for Jas. B. Field,	4 00
W. W. Pillsbury, for doctoring J. B. Frieze's child,	3 50
S. C. Anderson, goods for A. H. Cushon	10 00
Hosea Evans, board of Mrs. Hildreth,	33 00
Reuben Melvin, board of S. E. Emery,	16 50
F. F. Kimball, goods for J. B. Fields,	7 50
S. W. Mansfield, " " " " "	7 50
Fessenden & Lowell, carrying Emery to Soldiers' Home,	13 85

Frank P. Jones, funeral J. B. Frieze's child,	\$3 50	
Thomas Parker, coffin for Frieze child,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$134 59

FOR THE TOWN POOR.

J. E. Morse, care of lockup,	\$40 52	
M. M. Emerson, for boarding Mrs. Patterson,	27 00	
Lucinda Smith, aid from town,	78 00	
J. C. Garland, doctoring Mrs. Patter- son,	10 50	
S. C. Anderson, aid for Mrs. J. Shedd,	5 80	
S. C. Anderson, books for poor,	1 08	
Geo. E. Patterson, care of tramps,	29 00	
For lot in "Last Rest,"	10 00	
L. T. Eustis, digging grave for Mrs. Patterson,	1 50	
A. J. Rockwood, funeral expenses of Mrs. Patterson,	16 00	
Fessenden & Lowell, aid Mrs. Shedd,	11 70	
Fessenden & Lowell, wood for lobby,	4 17	
Frank P. Jones, funeral of J. Shedd,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$237 27

ABATEMENTS.

Luther D. Adams, over assessment,	\$1 68	
Amasa Esty, "	4 00	
Eri K. Wood, "	6 40	
Elton W. French, abatement on tax list of 1876,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$52 08

GENERAL EXPENSES.

M. V. B. Greene, book and blanks,	\$13 75
Amasa Estey, sheep killed by dogs,	25 00
N. P. Hunt, court fees in Hill case,	18 00
W. J. Rockwood, guide boards,	5 00
O. J. Blodgett, damage to horse,	35 00
M. V. B. Greene, town reports,	27 00
Benjamin Ela, for tree in highway,	10 00
Elton W. French, coll. taxes in 1876,	20 00
Elton W. French, stationery,	3 54
Wm. C. Nesmith, collecting taxes,	20 00
Erie K. Wood, Bradford road case,	10 00
George C. Hoitt, book for town record,	13 50
Anson F. Longa, moving grave yard,	2 62
John L. Spalding, watering trough,	3 00
E. D. Franklin, " "	4 50
V. C. Dearborn, " "	4 50
Amasa Estey, sheep killed and worried by dogs,	60 00
Levi F. Lowell, cash paid out for boun- ties on foxes and hawks,	11 10
Frank A. Gordon, stove for lobby,	3 00
Wm. C. Nesmith, col. taxes in part,	25 00
Benjamin Ela, stationery,	3 45
Benjamin Ela, salary as Town Clerk,	30 00
Matthew P. Nichols, salary as Treasurer,	40 00
Matthew P. Nichols, Supt. School Com.,	30 00
James Jones, " " "	30 00
Horace W. Wilson, Selectman,	75 00
Levi F. Lowell, "	50 00
George E. Patterson, "	60 00
John H. Bowers, Auditor,	2 00
Francis A. Gordon, "	2 00

 \$636 96

RECAPITULATION.

Highways,	\$771 36	
General expenses,	636 96	
Town poor,	237 27	
County poor,	134 59	
Abatements,	52 08	
	————	\$1,832 26

Most respectfully submitted,

HORACE W. WILSON,
LEVI F. LOWELL,
GEORGE E. PATTERSON,

Selectmen of Merrimack.

Merrimack, March 1, 1878.

We have examined the foregoing report of the Selectmen and find it correctly and properly vouched.

F. A. GORDON,
JOHN H. BOWERS.

Auditors for Town of Merrimack.

Merrimack, March 1, 1878.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Merrimack in Account with M. P. Nichols, Treas.

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By cash on hand March 1, 1877,	\$20 57
Balance deposit account in Manches- ter Savings Bank, exclusive of interest, March 1, 1877,	411 02
Cash of E. W. French, balance tax list 1876,	830 24
Cash of E. W. French, interest collect- ed on taxes,	13 40
Cash of W. C. Nesmith, collected on his list 1877,	3,538 73
Cash received of State Treasurer as Railroad tax,	699 23
State Treasurer as Savings Bank tax,	1,515 40
State Treasurer as Literary Fund,	100 62
Cash borrowed per town note,	500 00
Cash received of County for support of paupers,	161 75
	————— \$7,790 96

Dr.

To paid town orders drawn current		
year 1876,	\$596	44
Paid orders drawn current year of '77,	1,545	98
Insurance on Town House,	100	00
School house tax, Dist. No. 1,	50	00
" " " " " 12,	58	97
State Treasurer for State tax,	1,544	00
County Treasurer for County tax,	879	96
Agents for the several school dis-		
tricts,	1,383	66
Balance of deposit account in Man-		
chester Savings Bank, exclu-		
sive of interest, March 1, '78,	1,600	77
Cash on hand March 1, 1878,	31	18
	<hr/>	\$7,790 96

STANDING OF THE TOWN FINANCIALLY

MARCH 1, 1878.

LIABILITIES.

Note due Mrs. Eliza Wilson,	\$807	50
" " Reuben Barnes, including		
interest,	246	06
Unpaid orders drawn current year '75,	4	21
Unpaid orders drawn current year '77,	286	28
Balance school house tax due District		
No. 3,	5	14
Balance school money due Dist. No. 3,	141	03
Note due Amos Harris, including int.,	508	66
Balance in favor of the town March 1,		
1878,	668	79
	<hr/>	\$2,667 67

ASSETS.

Balance of deposits in Manchester		
Savings bank, exclusive of interest, March 1, 1878,	\$1,600 77	
Dividend of interest on bank account,	81 31	
Due from W. C. Nesmith, coll. 1877,	944 86	
School money overdrawn, Dist. No. 7,	9 55	
Cash on hand Mar. 1, 1878,	31 18	
	<hr/>	\$2,667 67

M. P. NICHOLS,
Town Treasurer.

Merrimack, March 1, 1878.

We have examined the above report of the Treasurer of the town of Merrimack, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. A. GORDON,
JOHN H. BOWERS,

Auditors.

Merrimack, March 1, 1878.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. I.

JOHN L. READ, *Agent*.

MISS SARAH E. LAWRENCE, *Teacher*.

This school has been judiciously managed by the same teacher during several years ; and, though small in number, it has not been lacking in those prominent features which characterize a good school. The room has been repaired, but we will suggest that a blackboard across the front of the room would be an additional improvement.

Length of school, 19 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. II.

GEORGE W. WEST, *Agent*.

MISS LIZZIE NICHOLS, *Teacher*.

The school room at other times as well as on examination days wore the appearance of order, neatness and good taste. Patience, perseverance and culture were exhibited in the method of instruction. Select readings, declamations and compositions added to the interest of the winter term. The scholars deserve praise for their good deportment and close attention to their work.

Length of school, 18 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. III.

ELTON W. FRENCH, *Agent*.MRS. MARY A. PARKER, *Teacher*.

The summer term embraced the usual number of scholars, and but little occurred to disturb the peace or mar the interest of the school. A fair progress rewarded the teacher's efforts. Progress of the second term cannot be reported as it terminated abruptly on account of sickness then prevailing in the neighborhood. The death of two bright and promising scholars, occasioned by diphtheria, saddened the hearts of all who knew them. The winter school has been smaller than usual, but the scholars are quietly pursuing their studies, the school having, as we understand, several more weeks to keep.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

LUTHER READ, *Agent*.MISS LUCY A. BOWERS, *Teacher*.

Here we find an excellent school house, well arranged for the comfort and convenience of both teacher and pupils. The three terms during the year have been under the supervision of the same teacher. We were pleased with the oral exercises, and the recitations in word analysis.

Length of school, 29 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. V.

NEWTON MCCLURE, *Agent*.MISS FLORA E. HUNT, *Teacher*.

The school commended itself in point of order, vivacity, and good attention, and as a result made marked progress.

Length of school, 16 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

H. A. CROOKER, *Agent*.

MISS DELIA M. SMITH, } *Teachers.*
MR. JAMES T. JONES, }

The first term remained in charge of Miss Smith of Hollis, who for five consecutive terms had won largely upon the confidence of both parents and pupils.

Length of school, 9 weeks.

The winter term of 11 weeks was pleasant to the teacher, and we trust profitable to those under his charge.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

JAMES W. FOSDICK, *Agent*.

MISS ANNIE L. WILKINS, *Teacher*.

As the work of the clock is regularly and steadily moved year by year by the same spring, so for three successive years has been the movement in this school.

The fact that the teacher has been retained that length of time, and is still teaching a select school, is proof that she has the confidence of the patrons of the district, and good will of the pupils under her charge. Five of the pupils in this school have not been absent nor tardy during the last three years, as the register reports.

Length of school, 20 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

GEORGE A. MERRILL, *Agent*.

MISS FANNIE E. BROWN, } *Teachers.*
MISS HATTIE E. PERKINS, }

This was Miss Brown's third term of school in this district. The manner in which both teacher and pupils acquitted themselves at the examination exhibited a commendable degree of energy and enthusiasm, those essential elements of a successful school.

Length of school, 9 weeks.

The second term, taught by Miss Perkins, evinced a thorough, systematic course of training, which is the true foundation upon which all schools should be established. We bespeak for both of these young ladies a prosperous career in future as teachers.

Length of school, 8 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

GEORGE H. BIXBY, *Agent*.

MISS LAURA CENTER, *Teacher*.

In this school it was found that the teacher was energetic and interested in her work, the scholars respectful and attentive to their studies, and the school-room neat and orderly. While the school register shows the names of several who have not been absent or tardy during the first term, we also find that others have been very irregular in attendance.

Length of school, 20 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. X.

WILLIAM U. GAGE, *Agent*.

MISS AMANDA McDOUGALL, *Teacher*.

This district includes a part of Bedford where nearly all the scholars reside. The school was found in its usual state of neatness and has been well sustained under the charge of the same teacher during the year. The examinations evinced a thoroughness in the manner of pursuing their studies as also a success which gives decided satisfaction.

Length of school, 16 3-5 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

T. F. PALMER, *Agent*.

MISS ELIZABETH D. BOWERS, *Teacher*.

This school was marked by some peculiarly pleasant features. We found upon each visit that kindness and affabil-

ity on the part of the teacher resulted in a returning respect and obedience from the pupils. We believe the school has been a success.

Length of school, 25 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

HOSEA EVANS, *Agent*.

MISS DELIA C. HUTCHINSON,	} <i>Teachers.</i>
" EMMA E. LAWRENCE,	
" LAURA A. H. RICHARDSON,	

In point of numbers this is one of the leading schools in town, though the insufficiency of funds has marred its progress. The first term was characterized by animation and promptness and, as a consequence, a good school was the result. Length of term, 9 weeks.

The second term opened with unusual promise by a graduate of the Normal School whose previous experience won the confidence of your committee; she retained her connection with the school only four days, when she was prostrated by a sickness from which she never recovered.

The teacher who supplied her place although energetic in some points did not meet with that degree of success which we would like to report. This was her first attempt, however, but a further experience may yet establish her reputation as a successful teacher.

Length of school, 5 weeks.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following is a list of the names of pupils reported in School Registers as having been neither absent nor tardy during the term :

DISTRICT NO. II.

Summer Term.—Emma Fretts, Laura Fretts, May Longa, Frank Foster, Ellie Dodge.

Winter Term.—Ellie Dodge, Frank Foster, Henry Fretts.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Summer Term.—Annie Rancy.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Summer Term.—Willie D. Twiss, Charles L. Read, Geo. W. Henson, Charles F. Patterson, Nellie C. Herbert, Linnie Read, Addie G. Twiss.

Second and Third Terms.—Eugene H. King, Arthur L. Fifield, Mary E. Fisher, Willie Fisher.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Summer Term.—Nellie M. Kittredge, Fred McClure.

Winter Term.—George Dutton, Rosie and Bertie Follansbee.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Winter Term.—James A. Junkins, Charles W. Foster, Julian A. Hill, Frank J. Foster, Willie Crooker, Clifton S. Wilkins, Henry A. Junkins, Lizzie C. Hill, Alice M. Hill, Isabel Woodward.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Summer Term.—Martha J. Shedd, Clara F. McGilvra, Minnie Parker, Lena M. Parker, Mary A. Donovan, Billie Donovan, Elmer Shedd, James D. Shedd, Jesse C. Parker.

Winter Term.—Lena M. Parker, Mary A. Donovan, Elmer Shedd, James D. Shedd, Jesse C. Parker, Hannah Donovan, Eugene Campbell, Jessie Parker.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

Summer Term.—Charles H. Blood, Geo. E. Merrill, Chas. A. Goodwin.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Summer Term.—Adraella Cheever, Mary Ayer, David Henderson.

Winter Term.—David, Clara and Amy Henderson.

DISTRICT NO. X.

Summer Term.—Hattie J. Parkhurst, Carrie E. Parkhurst.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

Summer Term.—Carrie E. Palmer, Susie N. Palmer, Addie M. Wilson, Etta L. Wilson.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

Summer Term.—Addie Adams, Carrie S. Patterson, Lizzie E. Adams, Arthur C. Sanderson, Fred Evans.

REMARKS.

In concluding our report, we recommend that the several schools commence at such a time as will bring their close on the Friday prior to July 4th, and that the entire closing week be spent in examination :—for instance, No. 1 school may be examined Monday A. M. ; No. 2, Monday P. M. ; No. 3, Tuesday A. M. ; No. 4, Tuesday P. M., etc,—and that each teacher be allowed two half days during the same week in which to visit other schools, and that on Friday P. M., of the same week, a public entertainment or exhibition be held at the Town Hall, or some selected place, with refreshments.

We would recommend that the school room at No. 11 be newly ceiled and supplied with improved desks and seats, and that outline maps and a clock be furnished to each school room not already supplied. And we earnestly recommend that teachers exercise a judicious watch care over their pupils upon the play grounds, and prohibit entirely the use of profane and improper language.

Also, that a uniform system of Calisthenics be adopted throughout the town—that writing be required as a *daily exercise*, and that discussions upon familiar topics should

take the place in part of declamations and recitations—and that among the more advanced classes the study of book-keeping be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. NICHOLS,

J. T. JONES,

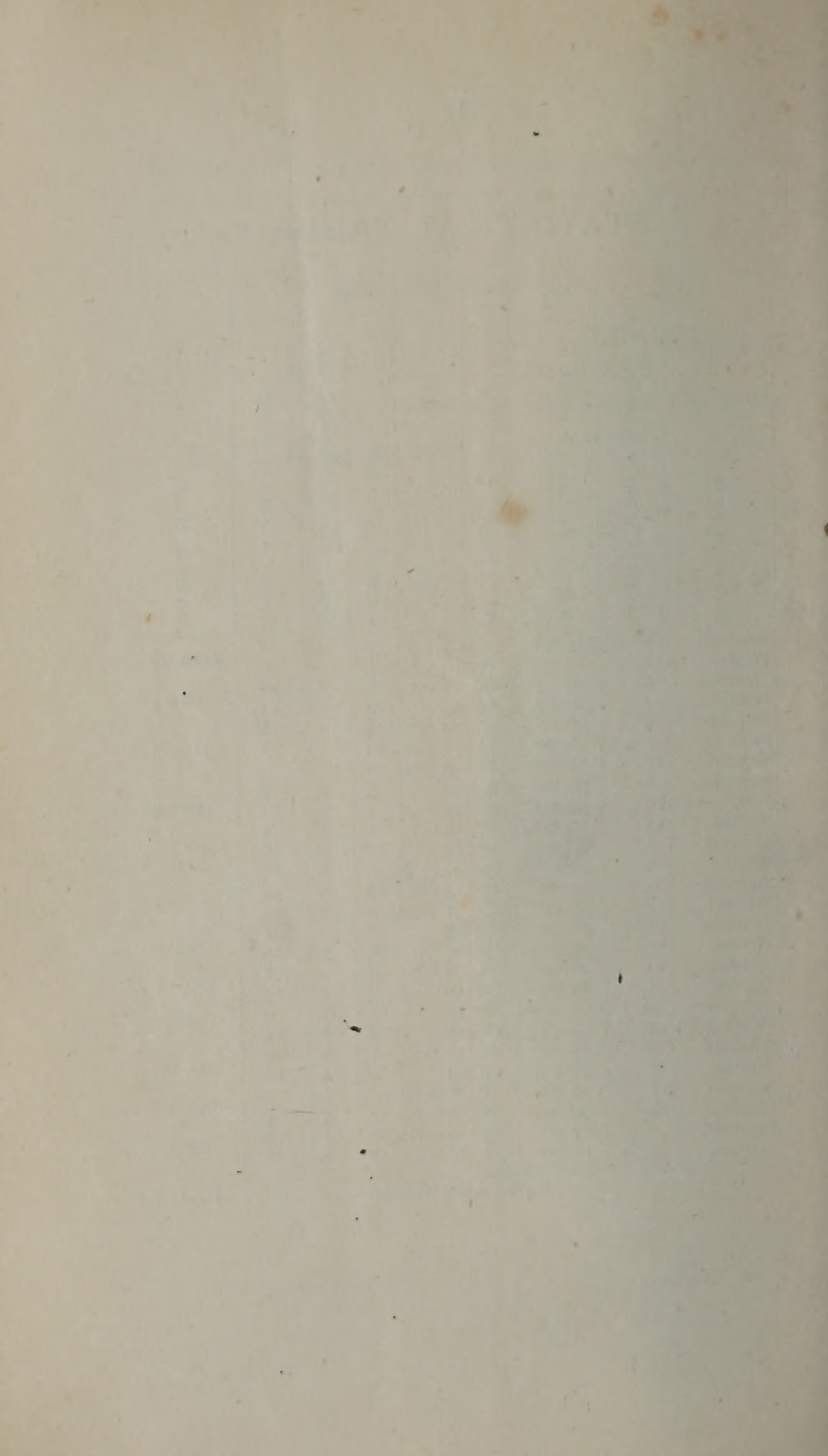
Superintending School Committee.

Merrimack, Feb. 27, 1878.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	Number of Term.	Length of School in Weeks.	Wages of Teacher per month including Board.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Instances of Tardiness.	Number not Absent one-half day.	Number of Visits by Citizens.	Amount of Money.
1	Summer.	8	\$24 00	8	7 1-2	16	2	12	\$119 36
	Winter.	11	24 00	10	8 5-13	18		20	
2	Summer.	9	20 80	14	13	25	6	16	98 51
	Winter.	9	20 80	14	13	24	5	24	
	Summer.	9	36 00	27	22 4-5	15	1	8	311 03
3	Fall.	6 3-5	36 00	22	16 3-11	44		3	
	Winter.	11	36 00	11	6 6-55	22			188 99
	Summer.	9	30 00	17	16	3	7	7	
4	Fall.	10	30 00	15	15		5	12	91 25
	Winter.	11	30 00	14	14 1-3	4	3	42	
	Summer.	8	22 00	16	14	12	3	38	95 53
5	Winter.	8	22 00	16	14	8	2	22	
6	Summer.	9	25 00	16	12 1-2	43	3	34	124 44
	Winter.	11	37 00	23	21 4-5	9	11	44	
7	Summer.	8	22 00	25	23	1	9	21	110 13
	Winter.	12	27 00	27	24	16	8	30	
8	Summer.	9	21 00	9	8 1-3	2	2	5	130 37
	Winter.	8	21 00	10	6	3	2	15	
	Summer.	8	25 00	21	14	11	3	9	41 02
9	Winter.	12	25 33	18	15	12	6	14	
10	Summer.	9	21 00	12	11 1-4	2	5	20	140 86
	Winter.	7 3-5	21 00	14	13	4	4	10	
	Summer.	11	20 00	8	7 2-5		5	3	63 65
11	Winter.	14	20 00	8	6 6-7		5	4	
	Summer.	9	27 00	23	20 4-5	38	7	38	
12	Winter.	5	16 00	26	18 1-4	38	6	14	

Total amount of money, . . . \$1,515 14



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